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TAGS: PINS, IN
SUBJECT: CONSULAR TRAVEL TO NORTHEAST INDIA

REF: A. NEW DELHI 17147 (NOTAL; B. NEW DELHI 17146 (NOTAL)

1. 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS, EMBASSY OFFICER ON DECEMBER 17 HANDED APPLICATION FOR CONSUL GENERAL KORN TO TRAVEL ON CONSULAR BUSINESS TO NORTHEAST INDIA TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AMERICA DIVISION DEPUTY SECRETARY A.N. ABHYANKAR. IN HANDING OVER DOCUMENTS EMBOFF NOTED THAT CONSUL GENERAL KORN WAS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TRAVEL FROM FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH 12 ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. EMBOFF ALSO SAID: WE ARE AWARE THAT THE NEWLY ARRIVED SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL HAD MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORTHEAST INDIA. WE UNDERSTOOD GOI POLICY ON INTERNAL OFFICIAL TRAVEL IS NON-DISCRIMINATORY. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING WITH CLOSE ATTENTION THE PROGRESS OF CONSUL GENERAL KORN'S APPLICATION. EMBOFF ADDED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THE MEA HAD REGARDING THE KORN APPLICATION.

2. ABHYANKAR RECEIVED THE APPLICATIONS WITH A SMILE- A RARE GESTURE FOR HIM- AND THE OBSERVATION THAT "WE WILL PUT IT IN THE MILL". ABHYANKAR ASKED IF KORN HAD EVER RECEIVED APPROVAL TO TRAVEL IN THE NORTHEAST OR HAD BEEN THERE AT ALL. EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED "NO".

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3. COMMENT: WE THINK ABHYANKAR CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THE NATURE OF TEST CASE PUT TO HIM. IT ALSO APPEARED HE HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL'S TRAVEL. ABHYANKAR IS DISPUTATIOUS FELLOW, AND GIVEN TO EXTENSIVE QUESTIONING WHEN HE DOUBTS THE FACTS. END COMMENT.

4. FYI: REFTELS CONTAINED ESENTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION,
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